

HOUSE RESOLUTION 189

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jesse Barksdale for his community involvement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Barksdale is one such exemplary person, and his commitment to community involvement should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mississippi who spent most of his childhood in Chicago, Mr. Barksdale moved to Memphis in 2001 after living in Texas for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Tennessee, Mr. Barksdale served as the founder and board chairman of Evergreen Community Service Company, a nonprofit organization established in 2003 to educate the residents of the historic Orange Mound community concerning the conditions of their neighborhood and the surrounding areas of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, an educator and a community activist, Mr. Barksdale worked on numerous political campaigns both in Texas and Tennessee, including Congressional, State Representative, City Council, and School Board races; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Barksdale is an exemplary citizen, and his commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize Jesse Barksdale for his outstanding community leadership, applaud his efforts to better his community, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.